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South Salt Lake Newsletter



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Business Licensing 801-483-6063
Code Enforcement 801-464-6757
Fire Administration 801-483-6043
Justice Court 801-483-6072
Police Admin 801-412-3606
Promise 801-483-6057
Public Works 801-483-6045
Recreation 801-412-3217
Utility Billing 801-483-6074

Emergencies 911
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



Mayor Cherie Wood

Small Ways to Help Build a Stronger SSL

Thank you for making a difference.

Building a thriving community takes all of us. As we close out our 85th year as a city, we are reminded of the incredible power of coming together for the greater good. From volunteering to xeriscaping your yard, there are countless ways to make a difference. This holiday season let's continue to show up for each other and support programs that invest in our youth and families (and animals). Whether it's hosting a donation drive, clearing a storm drain, or simply checking in on a neighbor, every act of kindness can have a big impact. Thank you for all that you do to make South Salt Lake such a wonderful place to call home. Happy Holidays!

- **Make a donation.** Host a donation drive for food, school, hygiene, and household supplies for the Promise Community Resource Pantries, or add a donation to one of SSL's nonprofit partners.
- **Clear a storm drain.** Keep storm drains clear of ice, leaves and debris to prevent flooding and clean our waterways.
- **Conserve H2O.** Look into new water conservation rebates (www.utahwatersavers.com) and rethink your landscaping by planting desert-tolerant, native plants.
- **Be a lifesaver.** Consider adopting a hydrant near your home and clearing snow away during winter for local firefighters.
- **Make a furry friend.** Help out at the South Salt Lake Animal Shelter by donating food and supplies or volunteering your time.
- **Be a part of building strong neighborhoods.**
 - Keep in the know by creating an account at sslc.gov and signing up for e-news, events, and emergency alerts.
 - Attend City meetings. Wherever your interest lies, attend City Council meetings or participate in meetings like Neighborhood Watch. Many are also held or broadcast online. The current city calendar with virtual links can be found at sslc.gov.
 - Maybe you can't attend City Council meetings or are apprehensive about speaking in public. Using this new statistically valid survey tool, Flash Vote, results more accurately reflect the voice of South Salt Lake. Sign up at www.flashvote.com/sslc
 - Have something you need to report or resolve? SSL Neighborhood Connect was created to help our residents connect with the city either via email at connect@sslc.gov or by calling 801-464-6757.



Volunteer! One of the biggest ways you can give back to our community is by giving your time as a volunteer. Creating an account on GivePulse.com makes it easy to find out about various local volunteer events (The Mural Fest, Promise SSL, and Neighborhoods) throughout the year. Learn more on p. 7.



Being a good neighbor. It should go without saying, but think to check in with elderly, chronically ill, or special needs neighbors and offer to run errands or help with outdoor chores.

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"Each one of us is born with inherent worth, so we treat everyone with dignity—no matter what."

THE DIGNITY INDEX
dignityindex.us

Take the Dignity Pledge. I believe that we all have a responsibility to create the kind of community that we want to live in. I invite you to join me in taking the Dignity Pledge, a commitment to treating each other with dignity and respect even when we disagree. By taking this pledge, we can work together to ease the divisions in our country and create a more compassionate and united society. To learn more, visit: www.dignityindex.us.

Public Meetings

For more info: www.sslc.gov

City Council

Wed, Dec 13, 7 p.m.

SSL City Council Oath of Office Ceremony

Tues, Jan 2, 2024, Noon

SSL Community Center Auditorium
2531 S 400 East

Planning Commission

Thu, Dec 7, 7 p.m.

Civilian Review Board

Mon, Dec 4, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Closures

SSL City Offices and Community Centers will be closed Dec 25-26 in observance of Christmas, and Jan 1, 2024, in observance of New Year's.

Garbage and Recycling

If your regularly scheduled pick-up day falls on Monday, Dec 25 (Christmas), or Monday, Jan 1 (New Year's Day), service will be delayed one day starting with the holiday.



Merry & Bright Yard Awards

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we want to celebrate with you! Our Merry and Bright Yard Award recognizes the most lit houses in the City. You know the ones, you can see the holiday passion and dedication glowing from down the block.

Merry and Bright Award comes with bragging rights and seasonal joy. Submit a home in your neighborhood for an award by December 20. Email connect@sslc.gov or visit sslc.gov to nominate a home online.

When it Snows: Create a Clear-Away Zone this Winter

By Corey Thomas, City Council District 2

As the winter months approach, I want to remind you of the importance of keeping your neighborhood safe. By clearing the areas around your fire hydrants, sidewalks, and even branches from trees or shrubs in your yard after a snowstorm, you're not only helping your community navigate safely but also making it easier for our firefighters to do their job in case of an emergency.

We know that shoveling snow and removing ice can be a hassle, but it's a small price to pay for the safety of our community. Remember, when you clear a path from the hydrant to the street, you're creating a "Clear-Away Zone" that helps our firefighters do their job quickly and efficiently. So please, take a few extra minutes after a snowstorm to clear your sidewalks, driveways, and the areas around fire hydrants. It's a small gesture that can make a big difference in our community.



Now Even More Ways to Pay Your Utility Bill

Xpress Bill Pay now offers a "pay by text" **xpress** BILL PAY option to conveniently help residents pay your monthly utility bills. When you set up your Xpress Bill Pay account, you can opt to go paperless and select how you would like to pay: 1) set up automatic payments, 2) pay online monthly, 3) download the mobile app to pay, or 3) set up pay by text to have monthly texts sent to you with a direct pay link. Don't stress about missing a utility bill, setup auto pay today.

Christmas Tree Recycling



South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts, and video recorded meetings available at: www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
Regular Meeting				
10/25	Unfinished Business	An Ordinance Amending the SSL Zoning Map for Property Located at 50 E 2100 S from Commercial Corridor (CC) to Crossing Master Planned Mixed Use (MPMU)	Approved	No further action needed
10/25	Unfinished Business	An Ordinance Amending Chapters 17.03 and 17.06 of the SSL Municipal Code to Amend Development Standards for Sidewalks and Landscape Setbacks in the Crossing MPMU District.	Approved	No further action needed
10/25	Unfinished Business	Selection to Fill Vacant Council District 5 Seat by Paul Sanchez	Approved	No further action needed
Regular Meeting				
11/15	Unfinished Business	A Resolution Requesting the Recertification of the SSL Justice Court	Approved	No further action needed

Public Safety

Remembering Fallen Officer David P. Romrell

Message from SSLPD Chief Jack Carruth

In loving memory and solemn tribute to Officer David P. Romrell, whose valor and sacrifice continue to resonate in the hearts of our community, the City of South Salt Lake invites you to join together for a candlelight vigil to commemorate the 5th anniversary of his passing.

Officer Romrell bravely answered the call to duty and tragically lost his life on November 24, 2018, while responding to a burglary in progress. As a community, we gather every year at this time to pay our respects and express gratitude for his dedication and bravery.

This candlelight vigil is a moment to unite in remembrance and shine a light of appreciation for Officer Romrell's service. Your presence at this event will serve as a symbol of support for his family, friends, and our law enforcement community. We encourage all residents to attend and join us in showing our collective gratitude for Officer David P. Romrell's sacrifice.



Candlelight Vigil — December 5, 2023 | 4:00 p.m.
SSLPD, South Parking Lot | 2835 South Main Street



DOJ Grant Awarded to SSL for Innovative Homelessness Solution

The South Salt Lake Justice Court has been awarded a four-year, \$569,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help individuals experiencing homelessness move through the court process more efficiently. The funds will be used to hire a Judicial Case Manager and an Outreach Case Manager to work with several City Departments and community partners to address the specific needs of homeless individuals, including mental health and drug addiction services. The program aims to ensure that homeless individuals receive the necessary hands-on support to successfully navigate their sentencing requirements on their path to a more stable life.

JANUARY 2024 HOMELESS
POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Scan to register:

Interested?

The January 2024 PIT Count will take place the mornings of **Thursday, January 25th** through **Saturday, January 27th**, from **4:00 am-6:00am**

Volunteers are encouraged to form teams of 3 to 4 people.

For questions, email Katie at KATZIMMERMAN@SLCO.ORG

VOLUNTEERS WILL:

- Count and interview individuals experiencing homelessness
- Conduct and record survey responses using a smart phone app

Virtual trainings will be provided

2023 Firefighter of the Year, Mayor's Spirit of Community Award



**Firefighter/Paramedic
Anthony (Tony) Pappas**

Tony's dedication to teaching CPR and first aid courses to our community is truly remarkable. He not only has the knowledge to save lives but also the passion to teach others. Thank you, Tony, for inspiring the hero within each of us to be ready when it counts.

We are grateful for SSLFD Chief Terry Addison and the dedicated and heroic efforts of the SSLFD and their commitment to serving and protecting our community. Congratulations to these members of the SSLFD team and for their outstanding work.

SSLFD 2023 Life-Saving Award

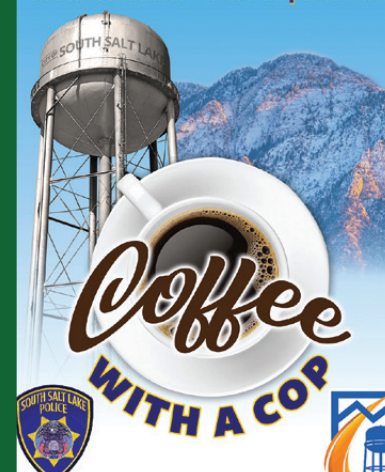
Captain Jones, Captain Dawson, Paramedic Goran, Paramedic Wharton, and Firefighter Kelly

SSLFD 2023 Commendation Award

Captain Larsen



South Salt Lake Police Department



Coffee with a Cop

Dec 6, 9-10 a.m.

In-Person

Délice Bakery & Café

2747 S State Street

Business Watch

Dec 7, 5 p.m.

Crone's Hollow
3834 S Main St

Neighborhood Watch

Dec 7, 7 p.m.

Go to sslc.gov for the virtual link

Donate to the Pamela Atkinson Resource Center

The PARC is looking for winter clothing and coats for men sizes 2XL and larger. Wish to donate? Let's point you toward TheRoadHome.org for drop-off locations.





South
Salt Lake

**COMMUNITY
CENTER**

2530 S 500 East
801-412-3217



South Salt Lake
Central
Park

**COMMUNITY
CENTER**

2797 S 200 East
801-386-4949



South Salt Lake
Historic
Scott
School

**COMMUNITY
CENTER**

3280 S 540 East
801-803-3632

PAL's Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway Feeds 80 Families

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the amazing support and kindness shown during the annual PAL Thanksgiving Giveaway in South Salt Lake. Thanks to the referrals from our local schools, SSLPD Victim Advocates, and Promise SSL Afterschool Programs, we were able to share 80 Thanksgiving meal kits with those in need. We are so grateful for everyone who comes together to make this event possible year after year. Together, we are making a difference in our community and spreading joy and kindness to those who need it most.



Refugees and the Path to Entrepreneurship in Childcare



As the youngest state with the highest birth rate, childcare is a crucial component of Utah's economic success. According to the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Utah loses an estimated \$258 million annually in tax revenue due to childcare issues. This issue is compounded for some of Utah's refugee populations. For some individuals in these communities, childcare is even

less accessible due to cost and cultural barriers. For that reason, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) offers its Childcare Business Program to refugees who have been in the United States for less than 6 years to learn the skills to start a home-based childcare business for free.

The Promise South Salt Lake Co-Op has partnered with the IRC to host their cohort of childcare providers in its facility to provide program participants with an inviting environment to participate in these classes within their community. The Co-Op provides an ideal location for would-be entrepreneurs to participate in childcare classes, but also take advantage of the many learning opportunities the facility offers including additional business courses, digital skills, and English classes.

Assisting community members on their Workforce journey is among the Co-Op's core missions. Programs such as these allow our community to thrive by ensuring that we invest in our residents in a culturally competent manner. To learn more information about the Childcare Business Program contact the IRC Economic Wellbeing team at: www.IRCSLC.EconomicWellbeing@rescue.org



New Renovations at Historic Scott School Thank You, Bimbo Bakeries USA



After months of renovations, the dust is starting to settle at our Historic Scott School Community Center. As we prepare the space to be ready for the community, we are so glad that Bimbo Bakeries, who are

located here in South Salt Lake, generously donated their time and resources to help us furnish the Art Room. Not only did they purchase new tables, stools, and book carts, but they also came by to assemble it all. For years we've had used furniture that's been worn down from daily use so we're excited to have some new furniture to compliment the new space. We can't wait to welcome the community into the updated space soon! Keep an eye out for updates.



The Historic Scott School Resource Pantry
will be closed on the following days.



For other resources during this time,
please visit 211ut.org or call 2-1-1



Keeping our Promises of
education, safety, and opportunity
across 14 programs throughout the City.



801.483.6057



promise@sslc.gov



@PromiseSSL

Winter Holidays Around the World

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the beautiful diversity in our community. From Hanukkah to Christmas to Kwanzaa and everything in between, this time of year provides us with an opportunity to learn about and appreciate the many ways that people celebrate. We are proud to be a part of a community that embraces different cultures and traditions, and we hope that this season brings peace, joy, and good will to all.



Advent - December 3rd-24th: For Catholics, Advent is the celebration of and preparation for Christ's birth at Christmas. During this time, biblical stories are shared, special pink and purple candles are lit at mass each week, and the days are marked off by many families on special advent calendars that sometimes have chocolate or other treats inside.

Hanukkah - December 7th-15th: Hanukkah, the festival of lights, is an 8-day celebration that remembers the trials and tribulations of the Maccabees (ancient Israelites). Jewish families often say prayers and light candles together each night of Hanukkah, which are kept burning in ornamental menorahs. Children play games with dreidels (spinning tops made of wood or clay) and families exchange gifts each night.

Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12th: This day commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531. Many Mexican and Mexican-American families celebrate this holiday by sharing large family or community meals, by creating shrines to la Virgen, or by praying or attending mass.

Winter Solstice or Yule - December 21st: Winter Solstice marks the beginning of winter and is the shortest day/longest night of the year. Many people celebrate nature with festivals, decorations, and ceremonies. For Pagans and Wiccans, the Solstice represents rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings.

Kwanzaa - December 26th - January 1st: Kwanzaa is a 7-day celebration of African American history, heritage, and culture. Each day is associated with a principle, which together are called the Nguzo Saba (7 principles). Families celebrate each day by lighting special black, red, and green candles, by creating artwork, and by sharing a Unity Cup, or Umoja, together.

New Year's Eve/Day - December 31st/January 1st: New Year's marks the end of the calendar year in many countries. Many people celebrate New Year's Eve by staying up late (until midnight) and use pots and pans, fireworks, and other noise makers to announce the start of a new year. New Year's is also a time when individuals may make resolutions to plan for a great year.

SL County Senior Center EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2023



Special Meal:

Birthday Special – Tuesday, Dec. 5
Winter Holiday Special – Friday, Dec. 15
(reservation required)

Live Entertainment at 10:30 am

Time Steppers – Wednesday, December 6
Heralders Children's Choir – Friday, December 8
SSL Choir Performance – Friday, December 15
Rich Dixon – Friday, December 22

Stretching Yoga on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm

Chair Yoga on Fridays at 1:00 pm

Vital Aging: Monthly group

Wellness Discussions with a licensed therapist

Wednesday, December 20 at 10:30 am
Call 801-539-7069 to make a one-on-one appointment.

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks with the Fire Department

Every second Wednesday of the month.
Wednesday, December 13 at 9:15 am

SSL Community Center • 2531 S 400 East • 385-468-3340 • Hours: 8:30 am – 4 pm



DISCOUNTED TRANSIT PASS

PASE DE TRANSPORTE CON DESCUENTO

Who Is Eligible?

- Youth ages 6-18
- Low Income
- Persons with Disabilities
- Seniors age 65+

¿Quien es elegible?

- Jóvenes de 6 a 18 años
- Personas con bajos ingresos
- Personas con discapacidades
- Personas mayores de 65 años



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COMMUNITY ART CLASSES





 »SSLArts.org

To learn more and register for Community Art Classes visit [SSLArts.org](https://sslarts.org)

ART55+ Creative Arts for Seniors

Instructor Laura Sharp Wilson
Every Wednesday
10:00-11:30 AM
SSL Community Center
2531 S 400 East
FREE!



CALL FOR WALLS

Turn your business exterior into a work of art!

Host a mural and become a part of Utah's largest outdoor mural festival. Celebrate our local creative businesses and help revitalize Downtown South Salt Lake. Email lallen@sslc.gov or visit: themuralfest.com



Pickleball Adults 18 and Older

Now until March 27
Mon/Weds 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 *Equipment available for check out



FREE

Register at sslc.gov

Central Park Community Center
 2797 South 200 East
 Questions: bowens@sslc.gov



Basketball Open Gym Adults 18 and Older

November 28 - March 28
Tues/Thurs 7pm - 9pm



\$20 Season Pass or \$1 per night
 Register online at sslc.gov

South Salt Lake Community Center
 2531 S 400 East
 Questions: 801-412-3217



South Salt Lake Animal Services Angel Paw Tree

Come donate to our wonderful animals at the South Salt Lake Animal Shelter!

We need everything from beds and toys, to food and cleaning supplies.

Starting December 1
 2023 you can choose an animal Wishlist off of our Christmas tree to help us, and the animals out during the holiday season!



For more information, contact us at 801-483-6024 ext. 6 or visit the shelter at 2274 S 600 W, South Salt Lake.



Celebrate South Salt Lake 2023 Mini-Grants: Success!

Celebrate South Salt Lake was a shining example of how investing in our community's arts and culture can bring people together and create a stronger, more vibrant city. This year, five free community events, sponsored by the SSL Arts Council and Rocky Mountain Power, brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate our city's arts, culture, and diversity. 2023 Celebrate SSL events included: Brazilian Capoeira, Nepali New Year, 1520 'Hip Hop' Block Party, Family Art Fair at the Visual Arts Institute, and Bomba Marilé. Keep on the lookout at sslc.gov as Celebrate SSL applications will roll out again in early 2024.



This summer, several youth and adults performed at the 1520 Block Party funded in part by a Celebrate SSL mini-grant. 1520 Arts is a local non-profit, dedicated to offering quality hip hop programming to our community. Learn more at 1520arts.org



Bomba Marilé is a non-profit with the purpose of sharing the Afro-Puerto Rican traditions of Bomba music and dance with the greater Utah community. Learn more at www.bombamarile.com.

South Salt Lake Animal Shelter: A Year at Full Capacity



As the year draws to a close, the South Salt Lake Animal Shelter is taking a moment to reflect on the incredible community effort that has made this year so special. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, donors, and staff, we have been able to provide care and shelter to a record number of pets in need.

We are proud to report that this year saw more adoptions than ever before, a testament to the love and compassion of South Salt Lake. None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, who have donated their time, supplies, and love to our furry friends. Whether taking dogs for walks, cleaning cages, or simply providing a comforting presence, our volunteers have truly made a difference in the lives of our shelter animals. Learn more at: www.sslc.gov/369/Animal-Services.

PETS ADOPTED IN 2023:

Dogs 100
 Cats 72
 Guinea pigs 1
 Birds 2
 Turtles 3
 Rabbit 1

SSL ANIMAL SERVICES

2274 S 600 West
 801-483-6024 ext 6
 M-F 9 am to 5 pm



2023 Giving Back



SSL's Gives Back in Ways that Count—Thank YOU!



Thank you to every single person who came out in April to help fill sandbags this year on the SSL Public Works campus. Together, we filled over 30K sandbags to help protect our homes and businesses from potential flooding. Your willingness to lend a hand when our community needed it most is a testament to the strength and kindness of our city.

2023 Community Volunteer Report

From filling sandbags to planting trees at Fitts Park, in 2023 the South Salt Lake community stepped up by volunteering in all sorts of capacities. You can receive notices and register for various upcoming volunteer opportunities by creating an account at GivePulse.com and following the group 'City of South Salt Lake' at www.givepul.se/u118aq.



- South Salt Lake Volunteers: 387
- South Salt Lake Volunteer HOURS: 916
- Estimated Value: Over \$25,000

Fitts Park Community Garden



GARDEN PLOTS LEASED: 36

EST. PRODUCE GROWN: 3,206 LBS

Thanks to several green thumbs, the Fitts Park Community Garden has been flourishing in its second year. With 36 garden plots, including 4 raised beds, the garden produced pounds of fresh organic produce ranging from zucchini to sweet corn to plenty of juicy tomatoes. We're grateful to all the participants and the fantastic management from Wasatch Community Gardens.

Get involved in the 2024 growing season at: wasatchgardens.org

Volunteer Work Adds up at SSL City Parks



TREES PLANTED: 38

POLLINATORS PLANTED: 510

Several organizations and community members volunteered this year to plant trees, pollinators, and clear weeds at our city parks and waterways. Want to get involved? Join the 'Friends of Fitts Park' volunteer group to gather with like-minded neighbors throughout the year and keep our area green and thriving. Sign up at ssl.gov > ssl.gov/392/Parks.

SSL Neighborhood Block Party Grants



We're thrilled to announce that our mini-grants program was a great success, with seven block parties that represented nearly every neighborhood in our area. Our goal is to strengthen the bonds within our neighborhoods by supporting gatherings, whether it's a potluck, a game night, or a holiday party. Hosting an event can be daunting, which is why these mini-grants provide support and make it easier for everyone to come together and have fun.